

**WHEELER OF WOLLASTON IN STOURBRIDGE, WORCS  
WHEELER OF OLD SWINFORD, WORCS  
WHEELER OF "WOOTTON LODGE", ELLASTONE, STAFFS**

ARMS:

CREST:

**John Wheeler of Wollaston (? in Stourbridge, Worcs) c1627-a1709**

*Will of Old Swinford, Worcs* (PCC) 4 Mar 1709

(as a Staffordshire Land Tax Commissioner had an annual income from land of £100 or more) \*1702

[? (founded Wheeler's School, Stourbridge) 1708]

chn: John Wheeler below

**John Wheeler of Old Swinford, Worcs c1657-**

chn: John Wheeler c 21 Oct 1687 Old Swinford below

Richard Wheeler c 3 Oct 1688 Old Swinford below

*E 134 William Halifax, D.D. v. John Wheeler, Mary Wheeler, George Abell, Wm. Rea.: Rectory and parish of Old Swinford (Worcester), the lands of John Wheeler, of Wollaston, and the lands of his son (the defendant) called "Redgreave," "Hongry Hill," and Mouzall, in said parish. [1710-1]*

**John Wheeler of "Wootton Lodge", Ellastone, Staffs 1687-....**

c 21 Oct 1687 Old Swinford

m 20 May 1718 Stanford-upon-Teme: Ann Winnington dau of Salwey Winnington of Stanford-upon-Teme, Worcs 1666-1736 QV

(as junior, said to be owner of Lye Forge)

chn: Penelope Wheeler b c1719; m (by Lichfield licence, 5 Oct) 9 Oct 1739 Ellastone: Thomas Kynnersley of Loxley in Uttoxeter, Staffs Esquire 1712-1755

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**Richard Wheeler of Old Swinford, Worcs 1688-**

c 3 Oct 1688 Old Swinford

m .....

chn: Mary Wheeler b 10 Apr 1718; c 10 May 1718 Old Swinford; m 16 Dec 1740 St Mary Aldermanbury: Bertie Burgh

Edward Wheeler c 4 Mar 1722.3 Old Swinford below

**Edward Wheeler of "Wootton Lodge", Ellastone, Staffs 1723-1761**

c 4 Mar 1722.3 Old Swinford

m ?cl c1760 Frances Stephenson dau of John Stephenson of Newcastle (Alderman) c1696-1761; [? c 6 Sep 1726 Newcastle-upon-Tyne, Northumbs]; m2 1762 James Unwin; (and had chn: James William Edward Wheeler Unwin c 22 Nov 1763, Will (PCC) 1819); d c1814

d *killed* 1761 Mediterranean; Will *as captain of H.M.S. Isis* (PCC) 31 May 1760/7 May 1761

(Captain, R.N.)

In 1762 Unwin married Frances Stephenson (d.1813/14), daughter of John Stephenson (d.1761), wine merchant and Alderman of Newcastle, and his wife Elizabeth Bell. Frances trailed an exotic history, as she was the subject of an extraordinary clause in the will of Captain Edward Wheeler, RN, who was killed in the Mediterranean in 1761 during the Seven Years War as his ship Isis captured the French Oriflamme. Wheeler was the brother-in-law of Bertie Burgh, but had fallen out with most of his family and in May 1760 left Wootton Lodge and his Staffordshire estate to James Unwin, with the proviso that an annuity of £300 should go to his beloved friend Miss Fanny Stephenson and to her son should she have one within a year of his death. Wheeler's will declares "Now as I suppose many curious people may think I have by this Will taken a good deal of pains to Bastardise, (as they may wittily term it) my estate. To all such curious people I beg leave to observe from a very old translation "He is a wise child who knows his own father" and indeed I have ever been of an opinion that the children of love are more naturally and properly the heirs of your inheritance than those of the modern Smithfield or Newmarket matches or the unwished for consequences of dull conjugal duty [INTERNET]

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